

# Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

## MINUTES OF THE December 12, 2023 MEETING

### **Commissioners:**

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra  
Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Village of Rushville  
Jim Morse, Town of Gorham  
Jim Sprague, PE, City of Canandaigua

### **Other Attendees:**

Jamie Noga, Watershed Inspection Office  
Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD  
*Attended remotely for a few minutes:*  
Tyler Ohle, Watershed Inspector

**Meeting called to order** at 9:02am

**Introductions:** Cheryl Hilton-Vadner is now the Commissioner representing the Village of Rushville.

**Minutes of September 12, 2023 Meeting:** Motion to approve made by J. Morse. Seconded by J. Sprague. Carried.

### **Watershed Inspector's remote Report:**

Deed transfer inspections were lower than normal, possibly due to high interest rates' impact on the market. Mr. Ohle has done more completed works inspections due a lack of as-builts from engineers (mostly for repair / replacement systems).

South Bristol has several new construction builds with conventional systems.

Violation issued in September for a daylighting greywater pipe from a kitchen sink that daylighted into a seasonal stream, 40'-50' from mean high water. He is working with Code Enforcement in Middlesex to abate this issue, along with the unapproved installation of an outhouse extremely close to the lake.

There are many new construction builds along South Lake Rd in Middlesex. Most are sensitive sites, close to the lake, with severe slopes. Mr. Ohle has been inspecting these sites for proper soil erosion control measures. Jim Morse noted that a problem for the last three years at the corner of County Road 18 and Depew Rd is now resolved. Tyler thinks wrong sand was used, but the system will probably be okay.

**Agreement for Services:** Three agreements were signed and returned. Newark and Canandaigua remain.

**2024 Organizational Meeting:** Set for Tuesday, January 9 at 9am. Motion made by J. Sprague. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried.

### **Agency Reports + General Discussion:**

Formation of Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition of SWCDs at the request of the DEC: Will be sharing resources, including engineering staff, technical capabilities, collaborating on grant projects, etc. This covers territory east of Honeoye Lake. Thus far this year, over \$3million in implementation funds have been received which will result in a very busy 2024. Some projects are in the Canandaigua Lake watershed, mainly soil erosion and sediment control, cover cropping, and nutrient management projects. New SWCD technician, Jennie, is working on ag projects and doing well.

Tyler and Jamie will work to increase outreach and education presence during 2024.

OWTSIT program overview was given for Cheryl. The system is working very well.

Given high turnover of code enforcement officers in the area, the District has been trying to engage with them more, as well as increasing its community presence.

A Soil Health Workshop will be held February 27 at the Benton Fire Hall.

Grants Update: Trout Unlimited awarded an additional \$7,000 in its Embrace a Stream Grant for a Naples Creek project as we were ranked first in support from the number of donors and the amount given for matching funds component. In addition, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid treatment continues with a GRLI grant.

Mr. Aman inquired about a District / County hydro-seeder. Ms. Webster explained the situation. The possibility of a second machine via the Watershed Council was discussed.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by J. Sprague. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23am.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 9:00am**